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SUBJECT: AIRBUS INDUSTRIE/MCDONNELL-DOUGLAS COMPETITION
- FOR CHINA AIRLINES PURCHASES

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1. EMBASSY HAS NOT YET RECEIVED RESPONSE FROM PRIME MINISTER SUN FOLLOWING AMBASSADOR'S DEMARCHE OF AUGUST 3. THIS IS NOT SURPRISING IF, AS SUN STATED, HE KNEW NOTHING OF REPORTED AIRBUS DEAL. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY INFORMANTS IN CHINA AIRLINES DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN AIRBUS INDUSTRIE AND GROC WERE HANDLED PERSONALLY BY K. H. YU, CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT AND GOVERNOR OF CENTRAL BANK. YU HAS BEEN ABSENT FROM TAIWAN SINCE EARLY AUGUST AND WILL NOT RETURN UNTIL AUGUST 13.

2. IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT, LOCAL MCDONNELL-DOUGLAS (MDC) REPRESENTATIVE HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT CHINA AIRLINES VICE-PRESIDENT SHAN HAS GONE TO WASHINGTON TO ACQUAINT EXPORT-IMPORT BANK WITH POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF AIR BUS. MDC REPRESENTATIVE STATES THAT HE WAS INFORMED BY CHINA AIRLINES THAT TERMS OF ITS LOAN AGREEMENT WITH BANK REQUIRES IT TO OBTAIN BANK'S APPROVAL
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BEFORE IT INCURS ADDITIONAL LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS. ACCORDING TO LOCAL US BANK OFFICIAL, EX-IM BANK AGREEMENTS NORMALLY CONTAIN SUCH PROVISION BUT ALSO PROVIDE THAT APPROVAL "MAY NOT BE UNREASONABLY WITHHELD", I.E., FOR NON-FINANCIAL REASONS. UNGER

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